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TO: **The Honorable Barrington Town Council**

FROM: **Michael A. Ursillo, Town Solicitor**

SUBJECT: **Monthly Solicitor's Report - July**

DATE: **August 17, 2010**

Dear Council Members:

I am pleased to provide you with a brief synopsis of activity for the Solicitor's Department during the month of July, 2010.

GENERAL

BCWA – Review and respond to correspondence of J. Bickford regarding Bristol County Water Authority RFP; Extended conference with Attorney S. Mack regarding BCWA RFP; Review correspondence regarding same; Review and respond to correspondence of J. Speakman regarding Bristol County Water Authority issues involving the Rehoboth Water District; Email Attorney S. Mack regarding same.

Daunis ROW – Conference with P. DeAngelis regarding Daunis right-of-way.

General – Letter to Town Council regarding personnel matter; Conference with L. James regarding same; Attention to correspondence regarding personnel matter; Very extended conference with L. James, J. Hasenfus regarding election eligibility; Review Charter regarding same; Review correspondence from S. Mancini at the Ethics Commission regarding public officials who have not filed financial forms; Letter to Town Clerk regarding same; Extended conference with P. DeAngelis regarding council agenda items; Conferences with J. Speakman; P. DeAngelis, J. Brenner regarding council agenda items; Correspondence to P. McGee regarding council meeting; Conference with Attorney M. Sarli regarding beach pavilion hearing.

Montessori Appeal – Review letter from Superior Court Justice regarding record; Telephone message to V. Carroll regarding providing second set of certified record.

Ordinances – Draft traffic ordinance; Attention to Mathewson Road ordinance.

School Committee Vacancy – Extensive telephone conference with R. Kando regarding

Town Council request for a special election; Review R.I. General Laws regarding vacancies; Telephone call to L. James regarding same; Telephone call to J. Speakman; Extended telephone conference with J. Speakman regarding special election and Board's pending decision; Conference with Attorney R. Kando and J. Speakman, Attorney P. Guidon regarding school committee election; Extensive conference with J. Speakman regarding issue of special election for school committee vacancy; Conference with Attorney R. Marcaccio regarding same; Conference with Attorney R. Kando of Board of Elections; Further research re same; Further conference with J. Speakman regarding same.

Spencer Trust – Review documents regarding Spencer Trust; Completed Spencer Trust Bylaws; Revise Spencer Trust documents.

Taxes – Very extended conference with K. Torrey regarding Assessment Board of Review; Very extended conference with M. Minardi regarding Assessment Board of Review hearing, class, surveys, auto tax issues; Extended conference with M. Minardi regarding taxation methodology for motor vehicles; Conference with P. DeAngelis regarding tax issues; Telephone call to M. Minardi; Research tax laws; Begin drafting Answer regarding Carlotti tax appeal; Complete draft Answer regarding Carlotti tax appeal; Review and provide edits to same; Telephone call to M. Minardi regarding Answer re Carlotti tax appeal; Begin draft Answer regarding McCahan tax appeal; Telephone message to M. Minardi regarding documents in conjunction with McCahan tax appeal; Draft Answer re same; Prepare documents for McCahan tax appeal; Draft and file Answer regarding McCahan tax appeal; Review documents, Complaint, and Answer regarding McCahan tax appeal.

Town Council – Prepare for and attend council meeting.

West Elmwood – Review deed to County Road and other documents; Correspond with Philip Hervey and Nancy Davis regarding closing on conveyance of property; Telephone message to L. James regarding closing binder from Town's 2007 purchase of County Road property; Telephone call to L. James regarding same; Amend deed and send with email to N. Davis.

PLANNING / ZONING

Travel to Town Hall to review certified record and plans for Zawatsky appeal of YMCA Master Plan and preparation of exhibits and argument; Prepare legal memorandum to Zoning Board in support of Planning Board decision to approve YMCA master plan and prepare for mailing regarding Zawatsky appeal; Review limited Interlocal Trust coverage in Ryder zoning appeal; Conference regarding same; Draft memo to Zoning Board regarding telecommunications application; Return telephone call to and send email to M. Freel regarding same; Return telephone call to C. O'Connor regarding M. Zawatsky and YMCA application; Telephone call to J. Sylvia regarding certified record in Ryden appeal; Telephone call to V. Carroll regarding same; Copy of certified records delivered to Judge Rubine.

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